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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write regarding the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest Communications. It is my understanding that the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have completed applicable reviews and that the Federal Communication Commission review remains outstanding. I ask that you give the application timely consideration consistent with applicable law.

Both CenturyLink and Qwest have a significant presence in Nebraska, and the combined entity will provide extensive telecommunications services to many Nebraskans, including many in rural areas. As you know, expanding and upgrading telecommunications service is often capital-intensive, particularly in rural areas. It is my hope that the merger will better equip the new company to invest the capital needed to supply advanced telecommunications services to subscribers in my state.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Johanns  
United States Senator

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The Honorable Mike Johanns  
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Dear Senator Johanns:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the name Julius Genachowski.

Julius Genachowski